

II. Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the claims as previously submitted with the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fishing device comprising:
- a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and
- a parachute having a periphery, the periphery being attached to the line so as to provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the hook; and
- wherein the parachute includes:
- a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and
- a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines,
- wherein
- the first connector is attached to a first point on the line.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 2, wherein the parachute is attached to the line so as to not provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the fishing line.
4. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the line passes through at least a portion of the parachute.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the first connector can rotate about the line.
7. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the parachute further includes:
- a tether line having a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to a central portion of the parachute; and